

FEW MINERS RETURN TO WORK TODAY

HALF TIME MEANS BIG WAGE LOSS

East Chicago Plants Hope
For Early Lifting of the
Fuel Ban.

Unless the end of the coal strike brings immediate relief from the government order closing industries three days a week, thousands of workmen in East Chicago and Indiana Harbor plants will be cut to a three-day week with the consequent cut in wages. Already more than a thousand men have been laid off for indefinite periods awaiting relief from the coal shortage, but plant officials are doing everything in their power to keep the men at work.

It is not known how many of the plants will be affected by the three-day-a-week order, but most of the Twin City plants are planning on cutting the time to comply with the order until their exact status can be determined. The Republic Steel and the Metal & Therme plants are already closed entirely, but other plants in the city are either burning oil or have an adequate supply of coal. It is the belief that plants which are burning oil will not be forced to close since their closing would not affect the coal situation, but there is doubt as to the closing of those plants which have coal.

The Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Company has orders to cut their power supply to three days a week, but an effort is being made to determine which of the plants are considered "essential industries" and would thus be entitled to operate full time. All power users will be present in the city on Wednesday, at which time the order will be applied to the plants. The order is not very definite and the Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Company is unable to determine which plants should be furnished power continuously.

There seems little doubt that the Standard Oil will be allowed to operate without restrictions and the Interstate Steel which now uses oil as fuel with probably not be interfered with. The Mark plant and the Inland Steel both have an adequate supply of coal to continue operation for some time and it is hoped the officials of these plants will not be forced to close.

At a meeting of the general superintendents of about thirty of the East Chicago and Indiana Harbor plants yesterday, at which officials of the Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Company were present, the three-day-a-week order was discussed and an understanding was reached. All power users will close three days a week, but no definite program has yet been worked out.

Each plant will work out its own closing hours and the Gas & Electric Company will attempt to work out a system for all. The plan will be to have part of the week and part during the latter part of the week in order that the company may distribute the load properly. Some of the plants will close during the latter part of this week and others will not close until next week. Each company will be given as much opportunity as possible to arrange the closing days to their best advantage but all must conform to the general plan.

The Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Company now has enough coal to last until the first of the year and according to the government order will be unable to get more until the supply on hand will last for only ten days. If the coal shortage is relieved before December 21 or the conservation orders are changed the plants may resume normal operation within a few days, but officials see but little hope of betterment before the first of the year.

HIGH COURT HEARS ARGUMENTS TODAY ON 2.75 BEER SALE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The supreme court heard arguments today as to the right of brewers to sell 2.75 per cent beer to the enactment of the Volstead act enforcing war-time prohibition, if set after the enactment of this legislation.

Indirectly the constitutionality of the Volstead act fixing a maximum of one-half of one per cent alcohol in beers is challenged.

The test cases were brought by the Standard Brewing Co. of Baltimore and the American Brewing Co. of New Orleans. Elihu Root and Wm. D. Guthrie of New York and Wm. L. Marbury of Baltimore were among the counsel for the brewers. Assistant Atty. Gen. Frierson represented the government. Root held there is a large quantity of 2.75 per cent beer held by the brewers that was manufactured after July 1 and before the Volstead act became effective in October can be sold.

CLOSES AT NOON

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—As a coal conservation measure the Chicago Board of Trade, beginning today and continuing until further notice, will close at noon.

PUSHES MORTGAGES TO FIGHT SWINDLE

In order to combat in a measure the flood of oil and mining stock sale schemes which are pouring into Hammond and Lake county, most of which are of questionable value, the Lake County Savings & Trust Co. of Hammond is making a specialty of hunting out mortgage investments for its patrons. These are investments which have the ring of security and also satisfactory returns.

Of the hundreds of mortgages which this well-known bank has sold to its customers in the last fifteen years the clients have never lost a penny of the interest and principal. Since the state of Illinois enacted its "blue sky law" dozens of companies have quietly folded their stock selling tents and come across the state line to Hammond and other cities of the Calumet region. Here they are comparatively safe and the only real protection afforded investors from these schemes is the sound advice which may be secured from banking institutions.

VILLA'S REBELS ON RAMPAGE ONCE MORE

MUQUIZA, 100 miles southwest of Piedras Negras, is under attack today by 100 Villista troops commanded by Hipolito Villa, according to word received here.

The battle has been raging since last Tuesday, according to advices today. In the fighting Wednesday, 30 Villistas and a number of Carranzistas are said to have been killed.

The Villista soldiers are said to have seized several citizens of Muquiza and are reported holding them as hostages. The attack is believed to have been planned in revenge for the execution of Gen. Felipe Angeles.

LARGE reinforcements of Carranzista troops are reported on route to Muquiza to aid the small garrison of government soldiers.

Mexican Consul G. M. Segura said he received word today that the government soldiers "have the situation well in hand."

PARR FINDS SELF IN MORE TROUBLE

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Saturday night when Dr. Frank T. Braune found his wife entertaining fifty-four-year-old Edwin Parr in the Braune home, the doctor figured the "easiest way out" of his domestic troubles was the best, so instead of filling Parr with bullets, as Parr requested, he gave his wife into the care of his middle-aged rival with instructions to "provide for her as well as I did."

Parr and Mrs. Braune left the Braune home together, Braune expressing the belief that his troubles were over.

Today Mrs. Parr stirred up the affair again when she filed suit for divorce from Parr and at the same time filed suit for alienation of affections against Mrs. Braune. She also asked for an injunction restraining Parr from disposing of his property, his money in the bank and funds due him from others.

Mrs. Parr, it appears today, had "taken Mr. Parr back" and was "trying to forgive and forget," but "in the midst of the reconciliation Mr. Parr broke out with the statement that he was going back to the other woman."

COAL STRIKE COST OVER 100 MILLION

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—The coal strike cost more than \$100,000,000. This estimate is roughly arrived at by J. D. A. Afternoon, and other officials of the National Coal Association.

The loss of wages to the strikers is estimated at about \$60,000,000. The loss to the operators is estimated at more than \$20,000,000. The loss to the United States in increased costs for coal for railroads and ships is figured at about \$20,000,000.

PAST GRANDS TO ELECT OFFICERS

Election of officers will be held by Past Grand Association No. 1 of Lake county at the Indiana Harbor lodge hall of the L. O. O. F. the evening of Monday, Dec. 15. The degree staff will confer the work on a large class of candidates for Harbor lodge 575, after which Sam Binnard and his refreshment committee will furnish a feed. The present officers are as follows: President, Vens Anderson; vice president, D. D. Dixon; secretary, F. D. Saxon; treasurer, H. H. Higgins. The meeting will convene promptly at 7:30 o'clock. Members of all subordinate and encampment branches are invited to attend whether or not they are past grands. A number of high lodge officials will be present.

PASSENGERS SAFE ON CUNARD LINER

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The Cunard liner Carmania, with nearly 1,000 passengers on board, which was in collision with the freighter Maryland, 200 miles off Sable Island in a storm late yesterday, is proceeding on her way and is due to arrive at Halifax at 2 o'clock tomorrow morning. It was announced today at the offices of the Cunard line.

Wireless messages from the Carmania indicated that she had sustained a glancing blow and that all the damage was above the water line. The passengers are all safe. The Carmania is bound for New York.

The Maryland, which also proceeded on her way, is enroute from Baltimore to London.

PLAN NEW LAWS TO CURB STRIKE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Immediate efforts to prohibit strikes in all industries with the production of the necessities of life have been abandoned in the senate.

Senator Cummins, chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee, will introduce an amendment to the railroad bill now pending to strike out the anti-strike clauses, he announced today. Members of the committee agreed, however, that such legislation should be considered separately at a later date.

NET OF EVIDENCE CLOSES ON VIRGO

LAWTON, Mich., Dec. 11.—Startled by revelations contained in testimony already given, officials conducting the inquiry into the death of Maude Tabor, victim of Lawton's trunk murder mystery are awaiting today the arrival from California of Mrs. Sarah Tabor and Walter Tabor, mother and brother respectively of the slain girl. The inquest has been postponed until Monday when it is expected the mother and brother will be here.

Sensational testimony was given at the last session of the inquest by Alfred S. Warthin, pathologist of the university of Michigan. Warthin asserted, in the basis of a post mortem examination, that Maude Tabor, died of an illegal operation at childbirth. But for the operation, he said, indications were that both the woman and the child would have lived.

The testimony of Joseph Virgo, undertaker, who admitted six marriages, claiming Maude Tabor as his fifth wife but who denies knowledge of the circumstances surrounding her death, is being checked up. Officials declare the net of circumstantial evidence involving Virgo is tightening.

FORDNEY URGES NO MORE FOREIGN LOANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Additional loans or extension of credits by this government to European governments will not be authorized by the present congress, Representative Fordney, of Michigan, chairman of the house ways and means committee, declared today. He said he had received indications from various sources that appeals to congress are to come soon from several quarters for financial help from some foreign power.

"I do not think the people of the United States are willing to extend their existing heavy loans to foreign governments and peoples, or to arrange for additional credits," said Mr. Fordney. "I am bitterly opposed to any such extensions and I think our committee feels as I do on this question and the assent of this committee must be had first for additional loans and commitments."

With the foreign governments in which we have loans, and given credits defaulting on their interest payments one year after the close of the war I do not think we would be justified in making additional loans," he continued. "Besides they don't need it. Very soon, much more than now, of us expect they will be back on their feet. Our trade last month reached the huge total of \$200,000,000, a sum far greater than any pre-war month, and the imports are keeping up. Through this trade the ready foreign governments are being helped. Their money shortage troubles will adjust themselves."

NOTHING DOING

Hammond people are evidently too busy keeping warm these days and have no time to spend in getting into trouble. The police court was absolutely quiet today as there were no arrests and no civil cases up for trial. As a result Chief Austin, Bailiff Trout, Capt. Rimick and Desk Sergeant See were contented smiles and spent a very quiet day of it.

SUGAR BEET GROWERS TO DEMAND \$15

Say it is Impossible to Raise
Beets at the Price Now
Offered.

About fifty sugar beet growers from North and Calumet townships met at Highland Saturday afternoon, Dec. 6, to discuss the new contracts offered by the Holland St. Louis Company for the year of 1920. C. H. Howell, contracting agent for the company, was called on to explain several new clauses in the contract relating to the advance of 50 cents per ton to the grower for each one-half cent advance in the price of sugar above nine cents per lb. for the months of October, November and December of 1920 and January of 1921. This clause, with the contract price of \$10.00 per ton for not less than twelve per cent sugar beets, was very unsatisfactory to the growers and it was unanimously rejected.

After a number of representative farmers had submitted schedules showing that at the present time the actual cost of an acre of beets was from \$106 to \$140 per acre for an average crop of eleven tons, which left the grower a loser, H. Bult, of North township, and Louis W. Wesche, of Calumet township, were elected members of a committee. This third member is to be selected by them. This committee will meet with the Lansing local of Cook County Growers' Association, after which they are to send a representative to the company to explain that it is impossible to raise sugar beets for less than \$15.00 per ton. If this price cannot be secured the farmers will turn their attention to some other crop.

It was clearly brought out that after a few years of raising sugar beets the soil becomes so depleted that no other crop can be grown. This is against the best interests of the farmer, and of the consumer as well.

The committee asks that no farmer sign a contract until they have made a report, which will be as soon as the necessary action can be taken.

KEYSTONE MASONS TO RUN E. CHICAGO LODGE SATURDAY

Saturday, Dec. 13, will be a big day in East Chicago Masonry and the "Pennsylvania Masons' Night" will be long remembered by those who are lucky enough to be able to attend. The same work was put on for the Masons at Hammond four years ago and the members of that city are still talking about it.

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SCHOOL CHILDREN HAVE ICE RINKS

Hammond's school kiddies will have an opportunity to cut up capers on the ice and in their own school yards as a result of the boyhood recollections of Mayor Brown and Street Commissioner William Norman. Yesterday the street department flushed the low part of the grounds of the Central School and this morning gave it another treatment so that by evening a fair skating place will be provided. The same course is now being followed at all of the school grounds of the city where the grounds will permit.

Replying to the skating fan who asked the Mayor through THE TIMES Monday evening to have the lagoon in Harrison park placed in skating condition, Mr. Brown says that such action had been planned and would have been carried out as soon as the snow settled if the boys had not taken matters into their own hands. They cut a number of holes in the ice hoping to fish it, but it merely resulted in spoiling the surface in many places. The water has been shut off and as soon as the ice level lowers the water will be turned on allowing the surface to be flushed.

"BUTCH" PAYNE GETS VERDICT OF \$6,000

After debating on the matter from five o'clock Wednesday evening when the case was turned over to them until 2:30 o'clock this morning, the jury in the damage suit of Edward Payne against the Metropolitan Realty Co., returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. Payne was awarded \$6,000 which is one of the highest verdicts given by a jury in the Hammond court for some time. Payne, or "Butch," as he is commonly called, had his left hand and leg crushed when the lower section of the Deluxo fire escape fell on him three years ago.

BIG FIGURES AT SECOND ROUND TABLE



Julius Rosenwald (left) and Secretary W. B. Wilson at industrial conference in Washington.

Prominent figures at the second industrial conference now meeting in Washington are Secretary of Labor W. B. Wilson and Julius Rosenwald, Chicago business man. Wilson is chairman of the conference.

HAMMOND JEWELER NEEDS HIS STOCK TO MEET DEMAND

Having one of the best and largest jewelry stocks in Indiana has helped put Hammond on the map, commercially speaking.

A Southern merchant made his annual pilgrimage to his wholesale house for his holiday stock of jewelry. Buying was so heavy this year that he was unable to get just what he wanted. The wholesale house referred the Southern merchant to Sam Silver of Hammond, who was known to have one of the largest and best stocks of jewelry in this part of the state.

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WRESTLERS MEET AT EAST CHICAGO

Two good wrestling matches are promised fans of the Calumet region Saturday evening at Columbia Hall, Vernon and McCook ayes, East Chicago. The first bout will be between James Isok, the Hungarian champion, and Young Hackensmith, who claims the championship of Chicago. Isok goes in at 260 pounds and Hackensmith at 220.

The second match will be between Charles Stomp of East Chicago and Joe Davison of Milwaukee. In both bouts the contestants will sweat it out to a finish, two falls out of three. The contests will begin at 8 o'clock sharp.

ALFONSO INTRODUCED WRINKLE IN MEN'S DRESS

LONDON, Dec. 11.—King Alfonso, of Spain, who has lost his clothes made in London, during his recent visit here, introduced a new wrinkle in men's dress—the purple dress suit. But dark Londoners failed to show undue haste in following suit. King Alfonso has always been noted for his safety in attire and other wise.

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WHIRLWIND DRIVE TO ADD 1,000 NEW MEMBERS TO CLUB

Northern Indiana's strongest political organization—the Harrison Club of Lake county with central headquarters at Gary—is fast becoming one of the foremost centers of Republican activities in the state. With a present enrollment exceeding that of any other similar organization in this part of the state, the club in special session last Monday night enthusiastically supported a motion to give added impetus to its increasing strength through the enrollment of at least 1,000 new members.

And next Tuesday, December 15, will see the start of the biggest and peppiest campaign for Harrison Club members that even the old timers will remember. The drive is not to be a long drawn out one. The campaign committee, headed by Herbert C. Francis, Gary city clerk, decided to put it over in four days. From the hundreds of volunteers who offered to assist in the drive, a committee of the state and county was chosen to head sub-committees in each city, town and township in Lake county. Every loyal American citizen will be given the opportunity of joining the coming political power in Northern Indiana—already made up of the biggest names in the state and county.

Assisting Herb Francis in directing the efforts of the various committees throughout the campaign are James Lash, campaign instructor, and Carroll S. Silek, campaign secretary. Among those who will give their time in securing new members are Judges Norton and Smith and Major Umphrey of Crown Point; Dr. Joe Graham, Prosecutor Thomas, Eric Lund and Fred Freidley of Hammond; John Hillman of Hobart, and the following from East Chicago: Judge Cohn, Joseph Clemens, W. H. Olds, Bob Alexander, Maynard Smith, E. Hodges and one committee in Gary.

Committees will be called together this week and a definite program outlined. It is the committee's plan to reach every citizen in the county. The Harrison Club enrollment at the present time is indicative that Republicans are anxious to join the county and state are anxious to join. The club enjoys an outside membership of many hundreds, and this is to be raised 100 per cent in the coming campaign.

Besides the regular committees several special squads, consisting of new and old holders over the county, will make numerous motor trips in promulgating the success of the campaign. No stone is to be left unturned in making this drive a record one.

The coming year is predestined to be a big Republican year. Leaders of public life all over the country are predicting sweeping successes for the G. O. P. To this end the Harrison Club is centering its activities. Preparations for the big year are already under way. Tentative plans are in the hands of committees. For this reason the club is conducting its drive for members before the first of the year. When the new year starts its merry jaunt the Harrison Club will probably be the most powerful political organization in this part of the state and will see its most prosperous and successful year ahead.

BILL SHOPS IN U. S. THIS YEAR

PARIS, Dec. 11.—The ex-kaizer has made heavy purchases of Christmas presents in the United States for members of his family and his friends among the former royalty of the Central powers, according to press advices from The Hague. Before the war the ex-kaizer usually did the bulk of his Christmas shopping in London and during the war in Vienna, as the Berlin shops did not furnish the class of gifts that he sought.

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JOHNSTOWN, PA.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 11.—Only a few miners returned to work in the Central Pennsylvania field today, the official word of the settlement in Indianapolis not having been received.

At the district headquarters at Clearfield, however, it was stated that there is no doubt that the 55,000 men in the central field, the most important mining region in the United States, will accept the Indianapolis compromise, and that the return of the men will begin tomorrow or Saturday. There is no doubt, the statement said, that practically all of the men will be in the mines by Monday morning.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 11.—Early advices from the Indiana mining districts today revealed only one instance of resumption of mining operations in response to instructions from the executive officers of the mine workers. This was at the Globe Mining Co., a stripping mine near Petersburg, in which Gov. Goodrich is said to be interested.

Telephone messages to the International News Service from Terre Haute indicated no resumption of operations in (Continued on page seven.)

J. DYER RESIDENCE LOOTED AS OWNER VISITS IN CHICAGO

The second daring burglary in the South Side residence district of Hammond was reported to Hammond police yesterday evening when Mr. and Mrs. John A. Dyer, 1671 S. Holmes st., returned home from Chicago. They found the kitchen and side doors of the house open, while the furnishings of the place had been ransacked by burglars.

The loss is expected to amount to several thousand dollars, but it will be difficult to determine all that was stolen for some time yet. Contents of shelves and dresser drawers had been hastily dumped upon the floor and everything of value taken. The missing articles include a pearl necklace, another of gold beads, pearl stick pins, gold cuff buttons, fur coats, all of Mr. Dyer's desk shirts and unders of the family silverware. In some manner the thieves overlooked the family plate. Many of the articles taken were of rare value because of their historical connections and cannot be replaced. No clue was left by which the burglars can be apprehended.